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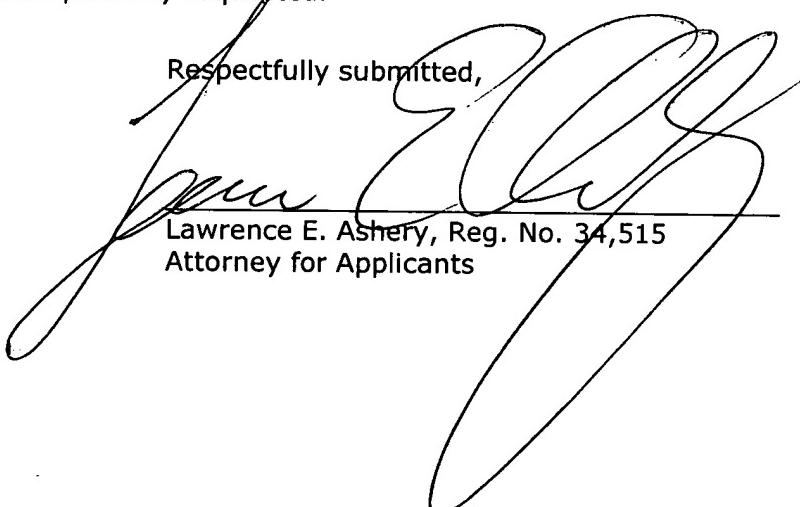
Remarks/Arguments:

Claim 21 has been allowed. Claim 14 has been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. The other claims have received prior art rejections. The Official Action was specific as to the allowable features of claim 14.

Accordingly, claim 6 has been amended to include the features of claims 10, 13 and 14. Claims 10, 13 and 14 have been canceled. In addition, claims 1-5 and 16-20 have been canceled.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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